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1. As of 8 December 1951, all disabled Chinese Communist soldiers who had not been sent back to their native villages for civilian productive work either had been sent to disabled soldiers' training and feeding stations on a long-term basis or were to be recommended for employment after receiving short-term technical training. While 17 disabled soldiers' training and feeding stations had existed throughout China in December 1950, the number of disabled soldiers had increased sharply by the summer of 1951 as a result of the Korean war. To meet this need the Communists decided to build more of these stations throughout China on the basis of one station per province. If any province had more disabled soldiers than could be accommodated within a single station, sub-stations could be established in the province. These training and feeding stations were under the joint supervision of the pensions bureau of the provincial government and of the medical bureau of the military district's supply and service command.
2. Soldiers in these institutions included those disabled in World War II; in the war against the Nationalists; in guerrilla suppression campaigns; in the Korean war; and otherwise in the line of duty. Soldiers sent to these institutions did not include those only slightly injured and still able to engage in productive activities, those under medical treatment, and those who had been demobilized for participation in civilian production.
3. In November 1951 the Supply and Service Command compiled the following statistics, showing the number of soldiers in these disabled soldiers' training and feeding stations:
 - a. North China Military Area..... 41,533
 - b. Northeast China Military Area..... 73,162
 - c. East China Military Area..... 57,340
 - d. Central and South China Military Area..... 34,984
 - e. Northwest China Military Area..... 28,322
 - f. Southwest China Military Area..... 15,637

250,978

Figures for the Inner Mongolian Autonomous Government are included with those of the North China Military Area; this station is in Kalgan.

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